



St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church

“Joyfully bringing Christ to the world and intentionally bringing the world to Christ.”



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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

Weekday Masses:

Mon/Wed/Fri: 12:10pm

Tue/Thurs: 8:00am

Saturday: 10:00am

Public Holidays: 10:00am

Baptisms:

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:30pm.

RCIA:

Please contact the Parish Office.

Weddings:

Please contact the Parish Office at least one year before the wedding date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Mon/Wed/Fri: 11:40am-12 noon

Tue: 7:30-7:50am

Sat: 9:30-9:50am; 4-4:40pm

Private Confession:

Contact the Parish Office

Anointing of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office.

Upon request, Communion can be administered with this sacrament.

Funerals

Please contact the Parish Office.

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER.

Elementary School

St. Monica Catholic Elementary School

Phone: 416-393-5224

Website: www.tcdsb.org/schools/stmonica/

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 3RD

12:10 P.M. +Cezar Nucup &
+Felicitas Nucup
Req. Myra Nucup

TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH

8:00 A.M. +Ricardo P. Balalilhe, Jr.
Req. Richen Balalilhe

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH

DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

12:10 P.M. **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS**

6:00 P.M. **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS**

THURSDAY, MARCH 6TH

8:00 A.M. -----

FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH

12:10 P.M. +Deceased Members of
The Corpuz Family
Req. The Fitzpatrick Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH

10:00 A.M. -----



ASH WEDNESDAY: MARCH 5, 2025

Masses will be at 12:10 & 6:00 p.m.



The *in-person* **STATIONS of THE CROSS** will be held every Friday *in the church* at 6:00 p.m., starting March 7th and concluding on April 18th, 2025 (Good Friday). *All parishioners are invited to participate in this Lenten devotion.*

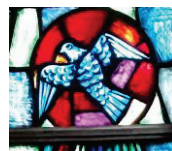
FIRST RECONCILIATION SESSIONS

We have scheduled eleven sessions for students to receive their First Reconciliation on Saturdays from 3:00 pm to 3:50 pm starting January 18th, ending on March 29th. Please pray for the students as they prepare to receive this sacrament.



FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS

The ***First Eucharist Catechetical Preparation Class*** will take place on **Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 6:15 pm, in-person in the church.**



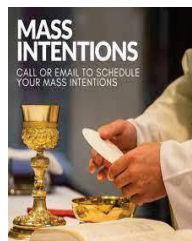
REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2025 RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC)

Registration is open for the 2025 Rite of Confirmation (ROC) preparation program. Please visit our Parish website: www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org for the online registration form. **Registration closes on March 26, 2025.**

ROC candidates must attend the Enrollment Mass on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at 5 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

*If you would like to **Offer a Weekday Mass**, please call the Parish Office at 416-483-1513 or send an email to stmonicatoronto@gmail.com.*



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

*will take place on March 7th, 2025 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church, after the Stations of the Cross. For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, please visit www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org. **All parishioners are welcome!***



RCIA 2025 REGISTRATION OPEN

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in becoming Catholic or if you are already Catholic but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation & receiving Eucharist for the first time).



Come & See Discernment Weekend Retreat
St. Augustine's Seminary, March 14-16, 2025



The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Retreat for men 18 years and older at Saint Augustine's

Seminary on Friday, March 14th, at 6:30 p.m., until Sunday, March 16th, at 2:00 p.m. This retreat, which offers a way to discern a possible call to the priesthood, includes Mass, Adoration, & reflection talks at our seminary. Register online:

www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee.

EUCHARISTIC GEMS

THE HOLY EUCHARIST IS NO MERE SYMBOL OF HIM, OR INSTRUMENT OF HIS POWER, BUT IS JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF SUBSTANTIALLY.

- Servant of God Frank Duff

From: Donald H. Calloway, MIC, *Eucharistic Gems: Daily Wisdom on The Blessed Sacrament*, (Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 2023), 128

UNLOCKING THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS

“Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.” These are the words from the refrain of this Sunday’s responsorial psalm. Thanksgiving is at the core of what it means to be a steward. We cannot offer our gifts to our parish communities if we don’t first acknowledge and give thanks to God for giving us these gifts in the first place. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that, “deep stewardship begins with gratitude and ends with accountability ... We recognize gratefully that everything in life is a gift of God.”

Not only does gratitude unlock a spirituality of stewardship, but it is also the first step in living a life of greater joy. The opposite of gratitude is indifference. Often times we are indifferent and unaware of all the great gifts in our lives. By adopting an intentional lens of gratitude we can begin to realize how blessed we truly are.

St. Gianna Molla beautifully tells us that “the secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness.” Wherever we are reading this reflection, let us take a moment to thank God for three things around us. We can express our gratitude for having a roof over our heads, food in our stomachs, or the joy of family and friends. Above all, we can always be thankful for the gift of God’s love in our lives. As stewards, let us begin to adopt a spirituality of thanksgiving and begin living more joyful lives.

Summary: St. Gianna Molla beautifully tells us that “the secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness.” Wherever we are reading this reflection, let us take a moment to thank God for a few things around us. We can express our gratitude for having a roof over our heads, food in our stomachs, the joy of family and friends, and above all, we can always be thankful for the gift of God’s love.

* Thomas Cardinal Collins, Pastoral Letter on Stewardship. <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/stewardship/home/pastoral-letter/>

From: Archdiocese of Toronto, Office of Formation for Discipleship, Stewardship Reflections, Year C.



We need **VOLUNTEERS** to serve as ***Ministers to the Sick & Homebound, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy***

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